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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/662,581	Applicant(s) KUMAR ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 13 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1:

“each said intensity words” in line 6 should be “each of said intensity words”

“first, second and third complementary color” in line 8 should be “first, second and third complementary colors”;

“intensity” in lines 17 and 20 should be “intensities”

“scale value” in line 19 should be “a scale value”

In claim 2

“intensity” in line 2 should be “intensities”

In claim 9

“step” in line 1 should be “steps”

In claim 13

"a magnitude portions" should be "a magnitude portion" or "magnitude portions"

2. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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4. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Concerning claim 1, “providing an intensity word for a first, second, and third color for each four pixels” in lines 4-5 is indefinite since “a” and “color” are in singular while first, second and third are three different colors. Does first, second and third colors” or “providing an intensity word for every three first, second and third colors” or anything else? The same with “for a first, second, and third complementary color” in line 8. The intensity words in line 4-5 are previous claimed for each of four pixels while the initial intensity words are for each pixel.

Concerning claim 9, “adding both the compliment of said magnitude portion and a one to minuend” is indefinite on what “one” is stand for and how to add a compliment to a one to the minuend.

Concerning claim 13, “adding both the compliment of said magnitude portion and one to minuend” in line 14 is indefinite on what “one” is stand for and how to add a compliment to a one to the minuend.

5. Claim 1 recites the limitations “said initial complementary color intensity word” in lines 14-15; “said initial combined color intensity word” in lines 15-16; “said combined word” in line 18. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

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Claim 2 recites the limitation “the simultaneous pixel-wise comparison” in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 9 recites the limitation “said carry-out” in line 9; “said carry-out bit” in line 12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 13 recites the limitation “the number” in line 2; “said magnitude portion” in line 9; “said carry-out” in line 11; “said carry-out bit” in line 14. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 13 is drawn to a computer implemented process that merely manipulates data or an abstract idea, or merely solves a mathematical problem without a limitation to a practical application in the technological arts.

In order for a claimed invention to accomplish a practical application, it must produce a “useful, concrete and tangible result” *State Street*, 149 F.3d at 1373, 47 USPQ2d at 1601-02 (see MPEP 2106.II.A). A practical application can be achieved through recitation of “a physical transformation outside the computer for which a practical application in the technological arts is either disclosed in the specification or would have been known to a skilled artisan”, or “limited to a practical application within the technological arts” (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)). Currently, claim 13 meets neither of these

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criteria. In order to for the claimed process to produce a “useful, concrete and tangible” result, recitation of one or more of the following elements is suggested:

- The manipulation of data that represents a physical object or activity transformed from outside the computer (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(i)).
- A recitation of a physical transformations outside the computer, for example in the form of pre or post computer processing activity (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(i)).
- A direct recitation of a practical application in the technological arts (MPEP 2106 IVB2(b)(ii)).

Conclusion

7. Claims 1-13 are rejected.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-7466. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on 571 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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